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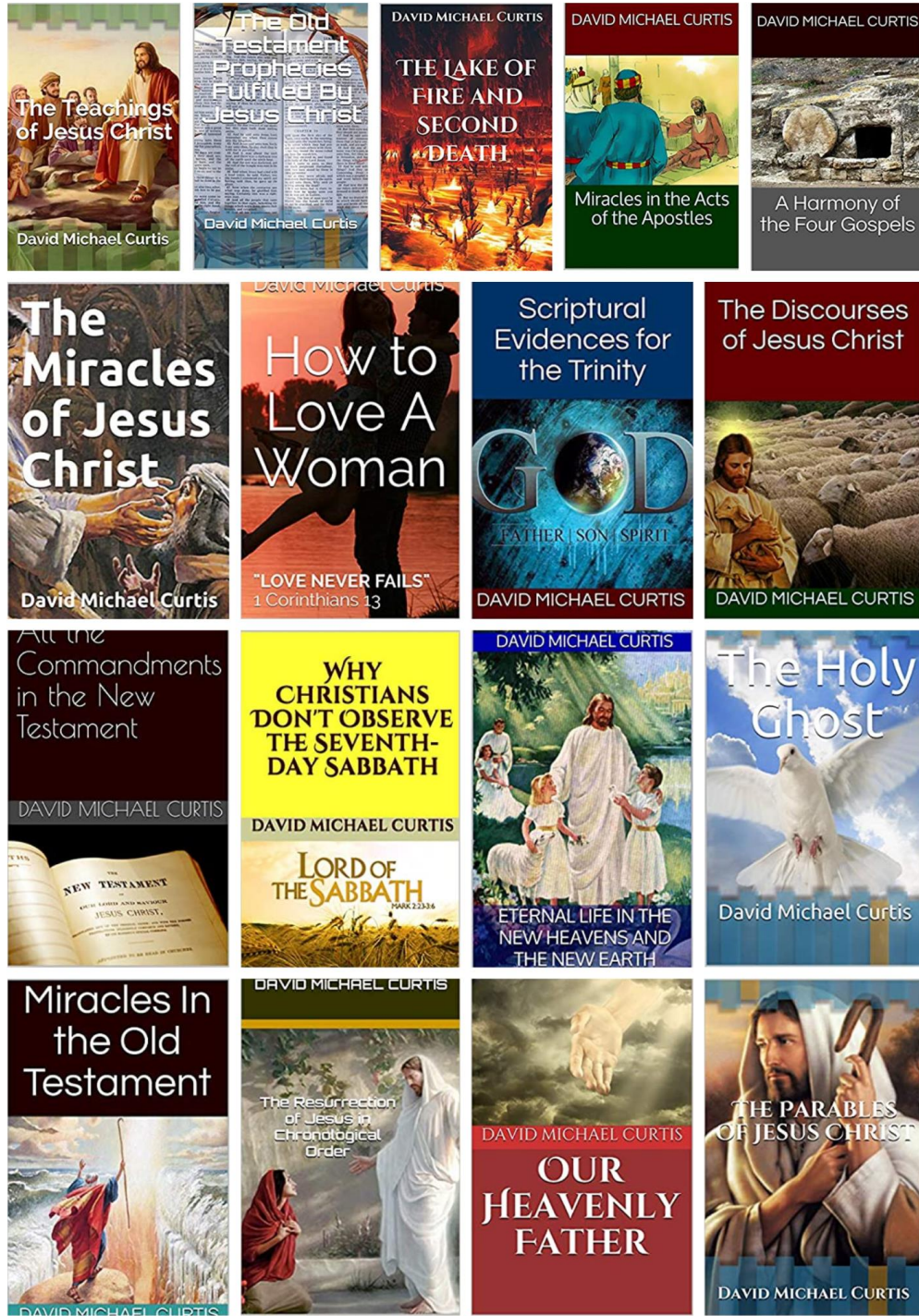
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A Helpful Illustration Describing this Topical Bible Study eBook

The tallest trees in the world are the Redwoods in Northern California. The Redwoods share a single network of roots; this root system connects **all** the Redwoods trees. This means the Redwoods Forest is also the largest single living organism in the world.

Imagine that each doctrine of the Bible is a giant Redwood tree supported by 30-40 roots (Bible verses). Examine the neighboring doctrines that share a root system (Bible verses) with that doctrine. Understand that under its surface, all the doctrines are connected by one massive root system within the Bible. My books *show how the various doctrines interconnect and share the same roots, supporting and depending on each other.*

My books use the Bible as its own interpreter, providing all the verses on whichever doctrine is being studied, topically arranged, without commentary. Christ is the only Teacher you need. He promised that you would know the truth, and the truth would set you free.

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Salvation, is Entirely the Work of God

Ephesians 2:4-10 ¶ But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.**

The Cross, Christ's Finished Work

At a concert, a side act introduces the show before the main event, which is performed by the concert star. In Christianity, the main event is entirely focused on Christ's one sacrifice on the Cross, which atoned for the sins of the whole world.

As a Seventh-day Adventist, I was brought up to believe that the 'present truth' was a matter of Sunday vs. Saturday, with the Sunday keepers facing damnation and 'the Remnant' who observed Saturday as the chosen ones. However, in 2010, my journey of reevaluation, guided by the book of Hebrews, led me to the understanding that this narrative is not biblically sound. This profound realization prompted me to renounce Adventism and embrace Christianity, placing my trust solely in Christ for my salvation. The contrast between my traditional beliefs and this new understanding was stark, but it was a change I knew I had to make.

For Roman Catholics, the star is Mary, and the backup dancers are the saints, and Christ fits in there somewhere, but no one is quite certain where or how. Everyone knows that Christ suffered and died on the Cross, but no one can quite explain why.

Instead of looking to the atonement made exclusively by Jesus' death on the Cross, the various sects of Christianity look to holy days, special diets, saints, and their religious works to atone for their sins.

For example, a Roman Catholic may attend as many as 10,000 Masses in their lifetime and, if wealthy enough, may pay for 4,000 more Masses after death. 14,000 combined masses are not enough to purge their sins, and so they must go on to suffer in Purgatory, a place where the souls of the righteous are purified before they can enter heaven for untold millions of years.

So, throughout their lifetimes, Roman Catholics endeavor to gain as much **merit** as possible by buying indulgences, paying to venerate holy relics, and attending special masses conducted by the Pope himself. However, more than all of this religion is needed to purge their sins. So they must go on to suffer in Purgatory for untold millions of years. Pope John Paul II died in 2005. Where is Pope John Paul II today? According to Roman Catholicism, He is purging his sins in Purgatory. Apparently, His adoration of Mary did not pay off for him. But it may have lessened his time in Purgatory, but who really knows for certain by how much?

What is center stage in the gospel? Is it earning our merit, reducing our time in purgatory through religious acts? Is it Mary, the saints, or the Pope? Is it Joseph Smith (for the Mormons), the Watch Tower Society (for the Jehovah's Witnesses). What contest does God care most deeply about that must be presented before the whole world? What is the gospel itself that every nation must hear? Is it Saturday vs. Sunday? Is it the good news that you must forsake eating meat and become a vegan before a Sunday law? Is that good news? Or is the good news that God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, and that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life?

The famous hymn "At the Cross" declares that it was at the Cross that the author first saw the light. I had that experience personally through the following Bible study. Can you set aside whatever religion you have been taught by, forget everything you know, and concentrate on the following verses as though they were all that existed in the Bible for just a few moments? If you can, then you too can experience the light for the first time at the Cross. This personal revelation is a powerful and transformative experience that I wish for all of you to have.

How Does Christ's One-Time Death on the Cross Obtain Eternal Redemption for Us?

Believers are SANCTIFIED by the Cross ONCE—Forever.

Hebrews 10:10. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Believers Are PERFECTED by the Cross ONCE—Forever.

Hebrews 10:14. For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.

Believers Are WASHED by the Cross.

Revelation 1:5. And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Believers Are JUSTIFIED by the Cross.

1 Corinthians 6:11. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Romans 5:9. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Believers Are FORGIVEN of ALL Sin by the Cross.

Ephesians 1:7. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

John 1:7. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Believers Have the ATONEMENT Now by the Cross.

Romans 5:11. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

Believers Have PEACE With God.

Romans 5:1. ¶ Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Believers Have Been RECONCILED With God by the Cross.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

The Cross, a Finished Work

Jesus Offering Upon the
Cross was for the Sins
of the WHOLE World.

God's Wrath Has Been
ETERNALLY Satisfied by
the Cross.

Believers are
PERFECTED Forever.

Believers are WASHED.

Believers are
SANCTIFIED Forever by
the Cross.



Believers have Been
RECONCILED with God
by the Cross.

Believers are
JUSTIFIED.

Believers have the
ATONEMENT Now.

Believers have PEACE
with God.

Jesus PURGED Our Sins
by Himself, & then He
Sat Down.

Jesus PURGED Our Sins, by Himself, & then He Sat Down. Hebrews 1:3.

Infused Righteousness, a False Gospel

This book is written with Roman Catholics, Seventh-day Adventists, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (the Mormons), Methodists, and the Church of the Nazarene in mind.

Of all the churches in the world there are only three that teach infused righteousness.

- **Roman Catholics**
- **Seventh day Adventists**
- **the Mormons**

Roman Catholics believe that they earn merit through the sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church and that the canonized saints earned extra merit during their lifetimes. Upon their deaths, this merit was deposited in the treasury of merit, which the Pope has the keys to and can dispense and sell through indulgences.

Seventh-day Adventists believe that they grow in sanctification over a lifetime through habitual Sabbath-keeping.

Seventh day Adventists, Methodists, and the Church of the Nazarene teach that Christians can grow in sanctification through improving their performance and by becoming more obedient to the commandments in the Bible over a lifetime.

It is not my purpose to write a thesis on what these religions teach and believe. I only want to highlight for the reader's attention how infused righteousness is in opposition to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I only briefly want to mention the contrast between infused righteousness and the true gospel of the holy KJV Bible, which is imputed righteousness. I don't want to waste the reader's time on the doctrine of infused righteousness. For those who want to save themselves through religion, we wish you the best of luck and hope it works out for you, but according to scripture, self-righteousness and religion will not save anybody.

Romans 5:17-19. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of **the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.**) Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so **by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.** For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, **so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.**

The only righteousness that saves us is Christ's righteousness. If you want to be saved, you must look to the blood of Jesus Christ that was shed on the cross and look nowhere else except to the cross. The only obedience that justifies us or makes us righteous is the righteousness of Jesus Christ. It's Christ's obedience on the cross that saves us—not our performance, but Christ's obedience.

Many of the great hymns throughout Christian history teach this truth: nothing but the blood of Jesus. What is at stake is the gospel itself. Whether we receive righteousness, justification, sanctification, perfection, purging, washing, forgiveness, and cleansing through the blood of Jesus given on the cross? Or whether we are trying to save ourselves through religion, through our performance, through our good works?

You must choose. Do you want Christ's righteousness as a gift, or do you want your righteousness? You cannot have both. If you trust in Christ, God will forgive you and give you the gift of eternal life. If you try to save yourself through religion, based on your performance, then you will be investigated on judgment day, and every secret thing will come out, and it will be revealed that you're not righteous at all but are a Sinner.

Hebrews 10:10-14 By the which will **WE ARE SANCTIFIED THROUGH THE OFFERING OF THE BODY OF JESUS CHRIST ONCE FOR ALL...** But this man, **after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;** From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. **FOR BY ONE OFFERING HE HATH PERFECTED FOR EVER THEM THAT ARE SANCTIFIED.**

For the Methodist and the churches of the Nazarene, you must choose: do you want your sanctification, or do you want to be sanctified once and forever by the cross?

For the Seventh-day Adventist, you must choose: do you want your sanctification through habitual sabbath keeping, or do you want to be sanctified once and forever by the cross?

For the Roman Catholic, you must choose: do you want your sanctification, or how it's worded within Catholicism? Do you want to earn your merit through the sacraments of the Roman Catholic church, or do you want to be justified, sanctified, and perfected by the cross? Do you want to purge your sins for millions of years in purgatory, or do you want Jesus to purge your sins for you, once and forever, on the cross in 33 AD?

It is impossible to blend your works and God's grace. You must choose. Infused righteousness or imputed righteousness? Would you like God to clothe you, to put a robe over you, to cover you with righteousness, which was Christ's righteousness on the cross? Or do you prefer to stand on judgment day before Christ in your righteousness?

This book will discuss good works and encourage Christians to do good works, but we must start from the right place. We must understand that salvation is entirely the work of God, and that righteousness is through Christ's obedience on the cross, not our righteousness through religion.

In this book, we're going to talk about the fruit of repentance, works of charity, and love. We're going to talk about being devoted to God, that we must love God, love Christ, and love one another, that we ought to perform good works, show hospitality, invite others into our homes, have compassion on others, show charity to others, to widows, to the fatherless, to the poor, that we have a duty towards the afflicted, that Saints ought to have a character that is loving toward others, that Christian conduct ought to be Christ-like.

However, in this book, we're also going to make it clear that grace is not merited through rituals, observing holy days, or religion. That seeking to be saved through our religion makes void the gospel. Trusting in our religious works for salvation makes the gospel void. If we stand on judgment day in our righteousness, the conversation will go like this. Lord, Lord, have we not done many wonderful works? to which Christ will respond, "I never knew you depart from me ye that work iniquity."

Today is the day of your salvation. You must choose.

Faith in Christ alone? Faith in what Christ did for us on the cross alone? Faith in Christ's righteousness alone? Or faith in your religion?

Finally, the last chapter of this book is going to talk about obedience to God.

I hope that you'll walk away from this book thoroughly convinced that you need Jesus to save you and that you cannot save yourself, and that as a Christian, you ought to love God, love Christ, love your fellow man, show hospitality, be compassionate, show charity to widows, the fatherless, and the poor. That you have a duty to the afflicted, and why?

Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commandments." That's the only reason Christians do good works: because we love Jesus.

Christians are not trying to save themselves. Christians are not trying to impress others. Christians do their charitable things and good works in private when nobody else is watching.

Imputed Righteousness, the Gospel

Predicted.

Isaiah 56:1. Thus saith the LORD, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation *is* near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.

Ezekiel 16:14. And thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty: for it *was* perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord GOD.

Revealed in the gospel.

Romans 1:17. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Is of the Lord.

Isaiah 54:17. No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

DESCRIBED AS

The righteousness of faith.

Romans 4:13. For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, *was* not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

Romans 9:30. What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.

Romans 10:6. But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*.)

The righteousness of God, without the law.

Romans 3:21. But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

The righteousness of God by faith in Christ.

Romans 3:22. Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

Christ being made righteousness unto us.

1 Corinthians 1:30. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

Our being made the righteousness of God, in Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:21. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Christ is the end of the law for.

Romans 10:4. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

Christ called THE LORD OF OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Jeremiah 23:6. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this *is* his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Christ brings in an everlasting righteousness.

Daniel 9:24. Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

Is a free gift.

Romans 5:17. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

God's righteousness never to be abolished.

Isaiah 5:16. But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.

The promises made through.

Romans 4:13. For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, *was* not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

SAINTS

Have, on believing.

Romans 4:5. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Romans 4:11. And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which *he had yet* being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

Romans 4:24. But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

Clothed with the robe of righteousness.

Isaiah 61:10. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh *himself* with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth *herself* with her jewels.

Exalted in righteousness.

Psalms 89:16. In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

Desire to be found in.

Philippians 3:9. And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

Glory in having.

Isaiah 45:24-25. Surely, shall *one* say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: *even* to him shall *men* come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed. In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

Exhortation to seek righteousness.

Matthew 6:33. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

The Gentiles attained to.

Romans 9:30. What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.

Blessedness of those who have.

Romans 4:6. Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,

THE JEWS

Ignorant of.

Romans 10:3. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

Stumble at righteousness by faith.

Romans 9:32. Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;

Submit not to.

Romans 10:3. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

Exemplified.

Abraham,

Romans 4:9. *Cometh* this blessedness then upon the circumcision *only*, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness.

Romans 4:22. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

Paul,

Philippians 3:7-9. But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

The Fruit of Repentance, Works of Charity & Love

Without Which We Cannot Enter the Kingdom of God

Matthew 3:7-12 ¶ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? **Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:** And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to *our* father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also **the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.** I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire: Whose fan *is* in his hand, and **he will thoroughly purge his floor,** and gather his wheat into the garner; but **he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.**

Matthew 7:15-20 ¶ Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. **Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.** Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

John 15:1-8 ¶ I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. **Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away:** and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. **If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.** If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

The Fruit of the Holy Ghost

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Christ, An Example Of.

John 10:32. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

Acts 10:38. How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

CALLED

Good Fruits.

James 3:17. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

Fruits Meet For Repentance.

Matthew 3:8. Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

Fruits Of Righteousness.

Philippians 1:11. Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Works And Labors Of Love.

Hebrews 6:10. For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the Saints, and do minister.

Are By Jesus Christ To The Glory And Praise Of God.

Philippians 1:11. Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

They Alone, Who Abide In Christ Can Perform.

John 15:4-5. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Wrought By God In Us.

Isaiah 26:12. LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us.

Philippians 2:13. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his Good Pleasure.

The Scripture Designed To Lead Us To.

2 Timothy 3:16-17. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

To Be Performed In Christ's Name.

Colossians 3:17. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Heavenly Wisdom Is Full Of.

James 3:17. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

Justification Unattainable By.

Romans 3:20. Therefore by the deeds of The Law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by The Law is the knowledge of Sin.

Galatians 2:16. Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of The Law, but by the Faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the Faith of Christ, and not by the works of The Law: for by the works of The Law shall no flesh be justified.

Salvation Unattainable By.

Ephesians 2:8-9. For by grace are ye saved through Faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

2 Timothy 1:9. Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

Titus 3:5. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Saints

Created In Christ Unto.

Ephesians 2:10. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Exhorted To Put On.

Colossians 3:12-14. Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, Bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on Charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

Are Full Of.

Acts 9:36. Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

Are Zealous Of.

Titus 2:14. Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Should Be Furnished Unto All.

2 Timothy 3:17. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Should Be Rich In.

1 Timothy 6:18. That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to Communicate;

Should Be Careful To Maintain.

Titus 3:8. This is a Faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm Constantly, that they which have believed in God might be Careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

Titus 3:14. And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

Should Be Established In.

2 Thessalonians 2:17. Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

Should Be Fruitful In.

Colossians 1:10. That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Should Be Perfect In.

Hebrews 13:21. Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Should Be Prepared Unto All.

2 Timothy 2:21. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

Should Abound To All.

2 Corinthians 9:8. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

Should Be Ready To All.

Titus 3:1. Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,

Should Manifest, With Meekness.

James 3:13. Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good Conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

Should Provoke Each Other To.

Hebrews 10:24. And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

Should Avoid Ostentation In.

Matthew 6:1-18 ¶ Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest *thine* alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly. ¶ And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites *are*: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen *do*: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. ¶ After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. ¶ Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

Bring To The Light Their.

John 3:21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

Followed Into Rest By Their.

Revelation 14:13. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the Dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Holy Women Should Manifest.

1 Timothy 2:10. But (which becometh Women professing godliness) with good works.

1 Timothy 5:10. Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the Saints' feet, if she have relieved the Afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.

God Remembers.

Nehemiah 13:14. Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the offices thereof.

Hebrews 6:9-10. But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany Salvation, though we thus speak. For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the Saints, and do minister.

Shall Be Brought into the Judgment.

Ecclesiastes 12:14. For God shall bring every work into Judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

2 Corinthians 5:10. For we must all appear before the Judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

In The Judgment, Will Be an Evidence Of Faith.

Matthew 25:34-40 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed *thee*? or thirsty, and gave *thee* drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took *thee* in? or naked, and clothed *thee*? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me.

James 2:14-20. What doth it profit, my Brethren, though a man say he hath Faith, and have not works? can Faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so Faith, if it hath not works, is Dead, being alone. ...

MINISTERS SHOULD

Be Patterns Of.

Titus 2:7. In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

Exhort To.

1 Timothy 6:17-18. Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to Communicate;

God Is Glorified By.

John 15:8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

Designed To Lead Others To Glorify God.

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

1 Peter 2:12. Having your Conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

A Blessing Attends.

James 1:25. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

The Wicked Reprobate Unto.

Titus 1:16. They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

Illustrated.

John 15:5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Devotedness to God

A characteristic of Saints.

Job 23:12 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.

Christ, an example of.

John 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, *My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.*

John 17:4 *I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.*

GROUNDED UPON

The mercies of God.

Romans 12:1 I Beseech you therefore, Brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

The goodness of God.

1 Samuel 12:24 Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.

The call of God.

1 Thessalonians 2:12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

The Death of Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

Our creation.

Psalms 86:9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

Our preservation.

Isaiah 46:4 And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.

Our redemption.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

SHOULD BE

With our spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Peter 4:6 For for this cause was the Gospel preached also to them that are Dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

With our bodies.

Romans 12:1 I Beseech you therefore, Brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

1 Corinthians 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

With our members.

Romans 6:12-13 Let not Sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto Sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the Dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

1 Peter 4:2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

With our substance.

Exodus 22:29 Thou shalt not delay to offer the first of thy ripe fruits, and of thy liquors: the firstborn of thy sons shalt thou give unto me.

Proverbs 3:9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

Unreserved.

Matthew 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Luke 14:33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

Abounding.

1 Thessalonians 4:1 Furthermore then we Beseech you, Brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

Persevering.

Luke 1:74 That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,

Luke 9:62 And Jesus said unto him, *No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.*

In life and Death.

Romans 14:8 For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Philippians 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by Death.

SHOULD BE EXHIBITED IN

Loving God.

Deuteronomy 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Luke 10:27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

Serving God.

1 Samuel 12:24 Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.

Romans 12:11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

Walking worthy of God.

1 Thessalonians 2:12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

Doing All to God's glory.

1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do All to the glory of God.

Bearing the cross.

Mark 8:34 And when he had called the people *unto him* with his disciples also, he said unto them, *Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*

Self-denial.

Mark 8:34 And when he had called the people *unto him* with his disciples also, he said unto them, *Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*

Living to Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

Giving up all for Christ.

Matthew 19:21 Jesus said unto him, *If thou wilt be perfect, go **and** sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come **and** follow me.*

Matthew 19:28-29 And Jesus said unto them, *Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.*

Want of, condemned.

Revelation 3:16 *So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.*

Exemplified.

Joshua,

Joshua 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your Fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

Peter, Andrew, James, John,

Matthew 4:20-22 And they straightway left *their* nets, and followed him. And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

Joanna, ect.,

Luke 8:3 And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance

Paul,

Philippians 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Timothy,

Philippians 2:19-22 But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state. For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's. But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the Father, he hath served with me in the Gospel.

Epaphroditus,

Philippians 2:30 Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto Death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me.

Love to God

Commanded.

Deuteronomy 11:1. Therefore thou shalt love the LORD thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, alway.

Joshua 22:5. But take diligent heed to do the commandment and The Law, which Moses the Servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to Cleave Unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

The first great commandment.

Matthew 22:38 This is the first and great commandment.

With all the heart.

Deuteronomy 6:5. And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Matthew 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Better than all sacrifices.

Mark 12:33. And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole Burnt Offerings and sacrifices.

PRODUCED BY

The Holy Ghost.

Galatians 5:22. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, Faith,

2 Thessalonians 3:5. And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the Patient waiting for Christ.

The love of God to us.

1 John 4:19. We love him, because he first loved us.

Answers to prayer.

Psalms 116:1. I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.

Exhibited by Christ.

John 14:31. But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

A characteristic of Saints.

Psalm 5:11. But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

SHOULD PRODUCE

Joy.

Psalm 5:11. But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

Love to Saints.

1 John 5:1. Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that Begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

Hatred of Sin.

Psalm 97:10. Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his Saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

Obedience to God.

Deuteronomy 30:20. That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD swore unto thy Fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

1 John 5:3. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

Perfected in obedience.

1 John 2:5. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

Perfected, gives boldness.

1 John 4:17-18. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of Judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

God, Faithful to those who have.

Deuteronomy 7:9. Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the Faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

THEY WHO HAVE

Are known of Him.

1 Corinthians 8:3. But if any man love God, the same is known of him.

Are preserved by Him.

Psalm 145:20. The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

Are delivered by Him.

Psalm 91:14. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

Partake of His mercy.

Exodus 20:6. And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Deuteronomy 7:9. Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the Faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

Have all things working for their good.

Romans 8:28. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Persevere in.

Jude 21. Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto Eternal Life.

Exhort one another to.

Psalm 31:23. O love the LORD, all ye his Saints: for the LORD preserveth the Faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

Pray for.

2 Thessalonians 3:5. And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the Patient waiting for Christ.

The love of the world is a proof of not having.

1 John 2:15. Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

They who love not others, are without.

1 John 4:20. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

Hypocrites, without.

Luke 11:42. But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over Judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

John 5:42. But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.

The uncharitable, without.

1 John 3:17. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his Bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

God tries the sincerity of.

Deuteronomy 13:3. Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Promises connected with.

Deuteronomy 11:13-15. And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, That I will give you the Rain of your land in his due season, the first Rain and the latter Rain, that thou mayest gather in thy Corn, and thy wine, and thine oil. And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full.

Psalms 69:36. The seed also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his name shall dwell therein.

Isaiah 56:6-7. Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant; Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their Burnt Offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

Love to Christ

Exhibited by God.

Matthew 17:5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

John 5:20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

Exhibited by Saints.

1 Peter 1:8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

His personal excellence is deserving of.

Song of Solomon 5:9-16 What is thy beloved more than another beloved, O thou fairest among women? what is thy beloved more than another beloved, that thou dost so charge us? My beloved is white and ruddy, the chiefest among ten thousand. His head is as the most fine gold, his locks are bushy, and black as a raven. His eyes are as the eyes of doves by the rivers of waters, washed with milk, and fitly set. ...

His love to us a motive to.

2 Corinthians 5:14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus Judge, that if one died for all, then were all Dead:

MANIFESTED IN

Seeking Him.

Song of Solomon 3:2 I will rise now, and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not.

Obedying Him.

John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

John 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our Abode with him.

Ministering to Him.

Matthew 27:55 And many Women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him:

Matthew 25:40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my Brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Preferring Him to all others.

Matthew 10:37 He that loveth Father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

Taking up the cross for Him.

Matthew 10:38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

A characteristic of Saints.

Song of Solomon 1:4 Draw me, we will run after thee: the king hath brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine: the upright love thee.

An Evidence of Adoption.

John 8:42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

SHOULD BE

Sincere.

Ephesians 6:24 Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

With the soul.

Song of Solomon 1:7 Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon: for why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions?

In proportion to our mercies.

Luke 7:47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her Sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.

Supreme.

Matthew 10:37 He that loveth Father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

Ardent.

Song of Solomon 2:5 Stay me with flagons, comfort me with apples: for I am sick of love.

Song of Solomon 8:6 Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as Death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame.

Unquenchable.

Song of Solomon 8:7 Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned.

Even unto Death.

Acts 21:13 Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

Revelation 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the Death.

Promises to.

2 Timothy 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Increase of, to be prayed for.

Philippians 1:9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all Judgment;

Pray for grace to those who have.

Ephesians 6:24 Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

THEY WHO HAVE,

Are loved by the Father.

John 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

John 16:27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.

Are loved by Christ.

Proverbs 8:17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

John 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Enjoy communion with God and Christ.

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our Abode with him.

Decrease of, rebuked.

Revelation 2:4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

Want of, denounced.

1 Corinthians 16:22 If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.

The wicked, destitute of.

Psalms 35:19 Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.

John 15:18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

John 15:25 But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.

Exemplified.

Joseph of Arimathea,

Matthew 27:57-60 When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

Penitent woman,

Luke 7:47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her Sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.

Certain women,

Luke 23:28 But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.

Thomas,

John 11:16 Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellowdisciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.

Mary Magdalene,

John 20:11 But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,

Peter,

John 21:15-17 ¶ So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, *Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?* He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, *Feed my lambs.* He saith to him again the second time, *Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?* He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, *Feed my sheep.* He saith unto him the third time, *Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?* Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, *Feed my sheep.*

Paul,

Acts 21:13 Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

Love to Man

Is of God.

1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

Commanded by God.

1 John 4:21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

Commanded by Christ.

John 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

John 15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

1 John 3:23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

After the example of Christ.

John 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

John 15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Ephesians 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

Taught by God.

1 Thessalonians 4:9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

Faith worketh by.

Galatians 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but Faith which worketh by love.

A fruit of the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, Faith,

Colossians 1:8 Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.

Purity of heart leads to.

1 Peter 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the Brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

Explained.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; Charity envieth not; Charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Is an active principle.

1 Thessalonians 1:3 Remembering without ceasing your work of Faith, and labour of love, and Patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

Hebrews 6:10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the Saints, and do minister.

Is an abiding principle.

1 Corinthians 13:8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be Tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

1 Corinthians 13:13 And now abideth Faith, hope, Charity, these three; but the greatest of these is Charity.

Is the second great commandment.

Matthew 22:37-39 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Is the end of the commandment.

1 Timothy 1:5 Now the end of the commandment is Charity out of a pure heart, and of a good Conscience, and of Faith unfeigned:

Supernatural gifts are nothing without.

1 Corinthians 13:1-2 Though I speak with the Tongues of men and of Angels, and have not Charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all Faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not Charity, I am nothing.

The greatest sacrifices are nothing without.

1 Corinthians 13:3 And though I Bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not Charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Especially enjoined upon ministers.

1 Timothy 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in Conversation, in Charity, in spirit, in Faith, in purity.

2 Timothy 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, Faith, Charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Saints SHOULD

Put on.

Colossians 3:14 And above all these things put on Charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

Follow after.

1 Corinthians 14:1 Follow after Charity, and desire Spiritual Gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

Abound in.

Philippians 1:9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all Judgment;

1 Thessalonians 3:12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:

Continue in.

1 Timothy 2:15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in Faith and Charity and holiness with sobriety.

Hebrews 13:1 Let brotherly love continue.

Provoke each other to.

2 Corinthians 8:7 Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in Faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.

2 Corinthians 9:2 For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many.

Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

Be sincere in.

Romans 12:9 Let love be without Dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; Cleave to that which is good.

2 Corinthians 6:6 By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,

2 Corinthians 8:8 I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.

1 John 3:18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

Be disinterested in.

1 Corinthians 10:24 Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth.

1 Corinthians 13:5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

Philippians 2:4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

Be fervent in.

1 Peter 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the Brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

1 Peter 4:8 And above all things have fervent Charity among yourselves: for Charity shall cover the multitude of Sins.

Should be connected with brotherly-kindness.

Romans 12:10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

2 Peter 1:7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness Charity.

Should be with a pure heart.

1 Peter 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the Brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

All things should be done with.

1 Corinthians 16:14 Let all your things be done with Charity.

SHOULD BE EXHIBITED, TOWARD

Saints.

1 Peter 2:17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

1 John 5:1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that Begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

Ministers.

1 Thessalonians 5:13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

Our families.

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave himself for it;

Titus 2:4 That they may Teach the young Women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

Fellow-countrymen.

Exodus 32:32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their Sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.

Romans 9:2 That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.

Romans 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

Strangers.

Leviticus 19:34 But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 10:19 Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Enemies.

Exodus 23:4-5 If thou meet thine enemy's ox or his Ass going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again. If thou see the Ass of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, and wouldest forbear to help him, thou shalt surely help with him.

2 Kings 6:22 And he answered, Thou shalt not smite them: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master.

Matthew 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

Romans 12:14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

Romans 12:20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

1 Peter 3:9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

All men.

Galatians 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of Faith.

SHOULD BE EXHIBITED, IN

Ministering to the wants of others.

Matthew 25:35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

Hebrews 6:10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the Saints, and do minister.

Loving each other.

Galatians 5:13 For, Brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

Relieving strangers.

Leviticus 25:35 And if thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay with thee; then thou shalt relieve him: yea, though he be a stranger, or a sojourner; that he may live with thee.

Matthew 25:35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

Clothing the naked.

Isaiah 58:7 Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

Matthew 25:36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Visiting the sick, ect.

Job 31:16-22 If I have withheld the poor from their desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail; Or have eaten my morsel myself alone, and the Fatherless hath not eaten thereof; (For from my youth he was brought up with me, as with a Father, and I have guided her from my mother's womb;) If I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or any poor without covering; ...

James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the Fatherless and widows in their Affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Sympathizing.

Romans 12:15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

1 Corinthians 12:26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

Supporting the weak.

Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil The Law of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:14 Now we exhort you, Brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be Patient toward all men.

Covering the faults of others.

Proverbs 10:12 Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all Sins.

1 Peter 4:8 And above all things have fervent Charity among yourselves: for Charity shall cover the multitude of Sins.

Forgiving injuries.

Ephesians 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Colossians 3:13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

Forbearing.

Ephesians 4:2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

Rebuking.

Leviticus 19:17 Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer Sin upon him.

Matthew 18:15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

Necessary to true happiness.

Proverbs 15:17 Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

The love of God is a motive to.

John 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

1 John 4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

AN EVIDENCE OF

Being in the Light.

1 John 2:10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the Light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

Discipleship with Christ.

John 13:35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Spiritual life.

1 John 3:14 We know that we have passed from Death unto life, because we love the Brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in Death.

Is the fulfilling of The Law.

Romans 13:8-10 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled The Law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false Witness, Thou shalt not Covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of The Law.

Galatians 5:14 For all The Law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

James 2:8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

Love to self is the measure of.

Mark 12:33 And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole Burnt Offerings and sacrifices.

Is good and pleasant.

Psalms 133:1-2 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

Is a bond of union.

Colossians 2:2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full Assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

Is the bond of perfectness.

Colossians 3:14 And above all these things put on Charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

Hypocrites, devoid of.

1 John 2:9 He that saith he is in the Light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

1 John 4:20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

The wicked devoid of.

1 John 3:10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

Exemplified.

Joseph,

Genesis 45:15 Moreover he kissed all his Brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his Brethren talked with him.

Ruth,

Ruth 1:16-17 And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but Death part thee and me.

Jonathan,

1 Samuel 20:17 And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

1 Samuel 20:41-42 And as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of a place toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded. And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.

Obadiah,

1 Kings 18:4 For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the Prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred Prophets, and hid them by fifty in a Cave, and fed them with bread and water.)

Centurion,

Luke 7:5 For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue.

Primitive Church,

Acts 2:46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

Hebrews 10:33-34 Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and Afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used. For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.

Lydia,

Acts 16:15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she Besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be Faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

Aquila,

Romans 16:3-4 Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the Churches of the Gentiles.

Paul,

2 Corinthians 6:11-12 O ye Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is enlarged. Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own Bowels.

Epaphroditus,

Philippians 2:25-26 Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants. 26 For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick.

Philippians 2:30 Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto Death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me.

Philippians,

Philippians 4:15-19 Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the Gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no Church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity. Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God. ...

Colossians,

Colossians 1:4 Since we heard of your Faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the Saints,

Thessalonians,

1 Thessalonians 3:6 But now when Timotheus came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your Faith and Charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also to see you:

Onesiphorus,

2 Timothy 1:16-18 The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain: But, when he was in Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found me. The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day: and in how many things he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well.

Philemon,

Philemon 7-9 For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the Bowels of the Saints are refreshed by thee, brother. Wherefore, though I might be much bold in Christ to enjoin thee that which is Convenient, Yet for love's sake I rather Beseech thee, being such an one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ.

Moses,

Hebrews 11:25 Choosing rather to suffer Affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of Sin for a season;

Hospitality, the Key to Church Growth

hos·pi·tal·i·ty

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noun

1. the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers.

"Scotland is renowned for its hospitality."

Commanded.

Romans 12:13 Distributing to the necessity of Saints; given to hospitality.

1 Peter 4:9 Use hospitality one to another without grudging.

Required in ministers.

1 Timothy 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to Teach;

Titus 1:8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

A test of Christian character.

1 Timothy 5:10 Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the Saints' feet, if she have relieved the Afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.

SPECIALLY TO BE SHOWN TO

Strangers.

Hebrews 13:2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained Angels unawares.

The poor.

Isaiah 58:7 Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

Luke 14:13 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:

Enemies.

2 Kings 6:22-23 And he answered, Thou shalt not smite them: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master. And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

Encouragement to.

Luke 14:14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

Hebrews 13:2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained Angels unawares.

Exemplified.

Melchizedek,

Genesis 14:18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.

Abraham,

Genesis 18:3-8 And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree: And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said. And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead *it*, and make cakes upon the hearth. And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave *it* unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it. And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set *it* before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

Lot,

Genesis 19:2-3 And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your Servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

Laban,

Genesis 24:31 And he said, Come in, thou blessed of the LORD; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels.

Jethro,

Exodus 2:20 And he said unto his daughters, And where is he? why is it that ye have left the man? call him, that he may eat bread.

Manoah,

Judges 13:15 And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a kid for thee.

Samuel,

1 Samuel 9:22 And Samuel took Saul and his Servant, and brought them into the parlour, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, which were about thirty persons.

David,

2 Samuel 6:19 And he dealt among all the people, even among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the Women as men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine. So all the people departed every one to his house.

Barzillai,

2 Samuel 19:32 Now Barzillai was a very aged man, even fourscore years old: and he had provided the king of sustenance while he lay at Mahanaim; for he was a very great man.

Shunammite,

2 Kings 4:8 And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.

Nehemiah,

Nehemiah 5:17 Moreover there were at my table an hundred and fifty of the Jews and rulers, beside those that came unto us from among the heathen that are about us.

Job,

Job 31:17 Or have eaten my morsel myself alone, and the fatherless hath not eaten thereof;

Job 31:32 The stranger did not lodge in the street: but I opened my doors to the traveller.

Zaccheus,

Luke 19:6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.

Samaritans,

John 4:40 So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they Besought him that he would tarry with them: and he Abode there two days.

Lydia,

Acts 16:15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she Besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be Faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

Jason,

Acts 17:7 Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus.

Mnason,

Acts 21:16 There went with us also certain of the disciples of Caesarea, and brought with them one Mnason of Cyprus, an old disciple, with whom we should lodge.

People of Melita,

Acts 28:2 And the Barbarous people shewed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present Rain, and because of the cold.

Publius,

Acts 28:7 In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously.

Gaius,

3 John 5-6 Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the Brethren, and to strangers; Which have borne Witness of thy Charity before the Church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well:

Compassion

Christ set an example of.

Luke 19:41-42 And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

Exhortation to.

Romans 12:15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

1 Peter 3:8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as Brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

EXERCISE TOWARDS

The Afflicted.

Job 6:14 To him that is Afflicted pity should be shewed from his friend; but he forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.

Hebrews 13:3 Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.

The chastened.

Isaiah 22:4 Therefore said I, Look away from me; I will weep bitterly, labour not to comfort me, because of the spoiling of the daughter of my people.

Jeremiah 9:1 Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

Enemies.

Psalms 35:13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.

The poor.

Proverbs 19:17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

The weak.

2 Corinthians 11:29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not?

Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil The Law of Christ.

Saints.

1 Corinthians 12:25-26 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

Inseparable from love to God.

1 John 3:17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his Bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

John 4:20 Our Fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

MOTIVES TO

The compassion of God.

Matthew 13:27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

Matthew 13:33 Another parable spake he unto them; The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

The sense of our infirmities.

Hebrews 5:2 Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity.

The wicked made to feel, for Saints.

Psalms 106:46 He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives.

Promise to those who show.

Proverbs 19:17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

Matthew 10:42 And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

Illustrated.

Luke 10:33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,

Luke 15:20 And he arose, and came to his Father. But when he was yet a great way off, his Father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

Exemplified.

Pharaoh's Daughter,

Exodus 2:6 And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children.

Shobi,

2 Samuel 17:27-29 And it came to pass, when David was come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and Machir the son of Ammiel of Lodebar, and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim, Brought beds, and basons, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched Corn, and beans, and lentiles, and parched pulse, And honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine, for David, and for the people that were with him, to eat: for they said, The people is hungry, and weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness.

Elijah,

1 Kings 17:18-19 And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? Art thou come unto me to call my Son to remembrance, and to slay my son? 19 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he Abode, and laid him upon his own bed.

Nehemiah,

Nehemiah 1:4 And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven,

Job's friends,

Job 2:11 Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him.

Job,

Job 30:25 Did not I weep for him that was in trouble? was not my soul grieved for the poor?

David,

Psalm 35:13-14 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom. I behaved myself as though he had been my friend or brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.

Jews,

John 11:19 And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

Paul,

1 Corinthians 9:22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

Charity

Explained.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; Charity envieth not; Charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth:

Enjoined.

Colossians 3:14 And above all these things put on Charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

Let Each Esteem Other Better Than Themselves

Philippians 2:2-5 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind. *Let* nothing *be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Widows

Character of true.

Luke 2:37 And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

1 Timothy 5:5 Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.

1 Timothy 5:10 Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the Saints' feet, if she have relieved the Afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.

GOD

Surely hears the cry of.

Exodus 22:23 If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry;

Judges for.

Deuteronomy 10:18 He doth execute the Judgment of the Fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.

Psalms 68:5 A Father of the Fatherless, and a Judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.

Relieves.

Psalms 146:9 The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the Fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

Establishes the border of.

Proverbs 15:25 The LORD will destroy the house of the proud: but he will establish the border of the widow.

Will Witness against oppressors of.

Malachi 3:5 And I will come near to you to Judgment; and I will be a swift Witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the Fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

Exhorted to trust in God.

Jeremiah 49:11 Leave thy Fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let thy widows trust in me.

SHOULD NOT BE

Afflicted.

Exodus 22:22 Ye shall not afflict any widow, or Fatherless child.

Oppressed.

Jeremiah 7:6 If ye oppress not the stranger, the Fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt:

Zechariah 7:10 And oppress not the widow, nor the Fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

Treated with violence.

Jeremiah 22:3 Thus saith the LORD; Execute ye Judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the Fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.

Deprived of raiment in pledge.

Deuteronomy 24:17 Thou shalt not pervert the Judgment of the stranger, nor of the Fatherless; nor take a widow's raiment to pledge:

SHOULD BE

Pleaded for.

Isaiah 1:17 Learn to do well; seek Judgment, relieve the oppressed, Judge the Fatherless, plead for the widow.

Honored, if widows indeed.

1 Timothy 5:3 Honour widows that are widows indeed.

Relieved by their friends.

1 Timothy 5:4 But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.

1 Timothy 5:16 If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the Church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed.

Relieved by the Church.

Acts 6:1 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.

1 Timothy 5:9 Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man,

Visited in Affliction.

James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the Fatherless and widows in their Affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Allowed to share in our blessings.

Deuteronomy 14:29 And the Levite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the Fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.

Deuteronomy 16:11 And thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the Fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which the LORD thy God hath Chosen to place his name there.

Deuteronomy 24:19-21 When thou cuttest down thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the stranger, for the Fatherless, and for the widow: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands. When thou beatest thine olive tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again: it shall be for the stranger, for the Fatherless, and for the widow. When thou gatherest the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean it afterward: it shall be for the stranger, for the Fatherless, and for the widow.

Though poor, may be liberal.

Mark 12:42-44 And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called *unto him* his disciples, and saith unto them, *Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.*

When young, exposed to many temptations.

1 Timothy 5:11-14 But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry; Having damnation, because they have cast off their first Faith. And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not. I will therefore that the younger Women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

Saints

Relieve.

Acts 9:39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the Coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

Cause joy to.

Job 29:13 The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to Sing for joy.

Disappoint not.

Job 31:16 If I have withheld the poor from their desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail;

THE WICKED

Do no good to.

Job 24:21 He evil entreateth the barren that beareth not: and doeth not good to the widow.

Send, away empty.

Job 22:9 Thou hast sent widows away empty, and the arms of the Fatherless have been broken.

Take pledges from.

Job 24:3 They drive away the Ass of the Fatherless, they take the widow's ox for a pledge.

Reject the cause of.

Isaiah 1:23 Thy Princes are rebellious, and companions of Thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they Judge not the Fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

Vex.

Ezekiel 22:7 In thee have they set Light by Father and mother: in the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the stranger: in thee have they vexed the Fatherless and the widow.

Make a prey of.

Isaiah 10:2 To turn aside the needy from Judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the Fatherless!

Matthew 23:14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.

Slay.

Psalms 94:6 They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the Fatherless.

Curse for perverting Judgment of.

Deuteronomy 27:19 Cursed be he that perverteth the Judgment of the stranger, Fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Woe to those who oppress.

Isaiah 10:1-2 Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness which they have prescribed; 2 To turn aside the needy from Judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the Fatherless!

Blessings on those who relieve.

Deuteronomy 14:29 And the Levite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the Fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.

A type of Zion in Affliction.

Lamentations 5:3 We are orphans and Fatherless, our mothers are as widows.

Were released from all obligations to former husbands.

Romans 7:3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be Dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

Were clothed in mourning after the death of husbands.

Genesis 38:14 And she put her widow's garments off from her, and covered her with a vail, and wrapped herself, and sat in an open place, which is by the way to Timnath; for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given unto him to wife.

Genesis 38:19 And she arose, and went away, and laid by her vail from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood.

2 Samuel 14:2 And Joab sent to Tekoah, and fetched thence a wise woman, and said unto her, I pray thee, feign thyself to be a mourner, and put on now mourning apparel, and anoint not thyself with oil, but be as a woman that had a long time mourned for the Dead:

2 Samuel 14:5 And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, I am indeed a widow woman, and mine husband is Dead.

Reproach connected with.

Isaiah 54:4 Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

Increase of, threatened as a punishment.

Exodus 22:24 And my wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children Fatherless.

Jeremiah 15:8 Their widows are increased to me above the sand of the seas: I have brought upon them against the mother of the young men a spoiler at noonday: I have caused him to fall upon it suddenly, and terrors upon the city.

Jeremiah 18:21 Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and pour out their blood by the force of the sword; and let their wives be bereaved of their children, and be widows; and let their men be put to Death; let their young men be slain by the sword in battle.

LAWS RESPECTING.

Not to be oppressed.

Exodus 22:22 Ye shall not afflict any widow, or Fatherless child.

Deuteronomy 27:19 Cursed be he that perverteth the Judgment of the stranger, Fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Raiment of, not to be taken in pledge by creditors.

Deuteronomy 24:17 Thou shalt not pervert the Judgment of the stranger, nor of the Fatherless; nor take a widow's raiment to pledge:

Bound to perform their vows.

Numbers 30:9 But every vow of a widow, and of her that is divorced, wherewith they have bound their souls, shall stand against her.

Not to intermarry with priests.

Leviticus 21:14 A widow, or a divorced woman, or profane, or an harlot, these shall he not take: but he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife.

To be allowed to glean in fields and vineyards.

Deuteronomy 24:19 When thou cuttest down thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the stranger, for the Fatherless, and for the widow: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands.

To have a share of the triennial tithe.

Deuteronomy 14:28 At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates:

Deuteronomy 26:12-13 When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithes of thine increase the third year, which is the year of tithing, and hast given it unto the Levite, the stranger, the Fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled; Then thou shalt say before the LORD thy God, I have brought away the hallowed things out of mine house, and also have given them unto the Levite, and unto the stranger, to the Fatherless, and to the widow, according to all thy commandments which thou hast commanded me: I have not transgressed thy commandments, neither have I forgotten them:

To share in public rejoicings.

Deuteronomy 16:11 And thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the Fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which the LORD thy God hath Chosen to place his name there.

Deuteronomy 16:14 And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the Fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gates.

When daughters of priests and childless, to partake of the holy things.

Leviticus 22:13 But if the priest's daughter be a widow, or divorced, and have no child, and is returned unto her Father's house, as in her youth, she shall eat of her Father's meat: but there shall no stranger eat thereof.

When left childless, to be married by their husband's nearest of kin.

Deuteronomy 25:5-6 If Brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the Dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an husband's brother unto her. And it shall be, that the firstborn which she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother which is Dead, that his name be not put out of Israel.

Allowed to marry again.

Romans 7:3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be Dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

Intermarrying with, of kings considered treason.

1 Kings 2:21-24 And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah thy brother to wife. And king Solomon answered and said unto his mother, And why dost thou ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? ask for him the kingdom also; for he is mine elder brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah. 23 Then king Solomon sware by the LORD, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word against his own life. 24 Now therefore, as the LORD liveth, which hath established me, and set me on the throne of David my Father, and who hath made me an house, as he promised, Adonijah shall be put to Death this day.

Not to be deplored by, considered a great calamity.

Job 27:15 Those that remain of him shall be buried in Death: and his widows shall not weep.

Psalms 78:64 Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows made no lamentation.

Were under the special protection of God.

Deuteronomy 10:18 He doth execute the Judgment of the Fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.

Psalms 68:5 A Father of the Fatherless, and a Judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.

Were frequently oppressed and persecuted.

Job 24:3 They drive away the Ass of the Fatherless, they take the widow's ox for a pledge.

Ezekiel 22:7 In thee have they set Light by Father and mother: in the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the stranger: in thee have they vexed the Fatherless and the widow.

Specially taken care of by the primitive Church.

Acts 6:1 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.

1 Timothy 5:9 Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man,

Often devoted themselves entirely to God's service.

Luke 2:37 And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

1 Timothy 5:10 Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the Saints' feet, if she have relieved the Afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.

Instances of great liberality in.

1 Kings 17:9-15 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which *belongeth* to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee. So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman *was* there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. And as she was going to fetch *it*, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand. And she said, *As* the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I *am* gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go *and* do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring *it* unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day *that* the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth. And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat *many* days.

Mark 12:42-44 And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called *unto him* his disciples, and saith unto them, *Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.*

ILLUSTRATIVE OF

A desolate condition.

Isaiah 47:8-9 Therefore hear now this, thou that Art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children: But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great Abundance of thine enchantments.

Zion in captivity.

Lamentations 1:1 How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people! how is she become as a widow! she that was great among the nations, and [Princess] among the provinces, how is she become tributary!

The Fatherless

Find mercy in God.

Hosea 14:3 Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride upon Horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, Ye are our gods: for in thee the Fatherless findeth mercy.

GOD WILL

Be a Father of.

Psalms 68:5 A Father of the Fatherless, and a Judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.

Be a helper of.

Psalms 10:14 Thou hast seen it; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite it with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou Art the helper of the Fatherless.

Hear the cry of.

Exodus 22:23 If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry;

Execute the Judgment of.

Deuteronomy 10:18 He doth execute the Judgment of the Fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.

Psalms 10:18 To Judge the Fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

Punish those who oppress.

Exodus 22:24 And my wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children Fatherless.

Isaiah 10:1-3 Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness which they have prescribed; To turn aside the needy from Judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the Fatherless! And what will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which shall come from far? to whom will ye flee for help? and where will ye leave your glory?

Malachi 3:5 And I will come near to you to Judgment; and I will be a swift Witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the Fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

Punish those who Judge not.

Jeremiah 5:28-29 They are waxen fat, they shine: yea, they overpass the deeds of the wicked: they Judge not the cause, the cause of the Fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not Judge. Shall I not visit for these things? saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

Visit in Affliction.

James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the Fatherless and widows in their Affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Let them share in our blessings.

Deuteronomy 14:29 And the Levite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the Fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.

Defend.

Psalms 82:3 Defend the poor and Fatherless: do justice to the Afflicted and needy.

Isaiah 1:17 Learn to do well; seek Judgment, relieve the oppressed, Judge the Fatherless, plead for the widow.

Wrong not, in Judgment.

Deuteronomy 24:17 Thou shalt not pervert the Judgment of the stranger, nor of the Fatherless; nor take a widow's raiment to pledge:

Defraud not.

Proverbs 23:10 Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the Fatherless:

Afflict not.

Exodus 22:22 Ye shall not afflict any widow, or Fatherless child.

Oppress not.

Zechariah 7:10 And oppress not the widow, nor the Fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

Do no violence to.

Jeremiah 22:3 Thus saith the LORD; Execute ye Judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the Fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.

Blessedness of taking care of.

Deuteronomy 14:29 And the Levite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the Fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.

Job 29:12-13 Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the Fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to Sing for joy.

THE WICKED

Rob.

Isaiah 10:2 To turn aside the needy from Judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the Fatherless!

Overwhelm.

Job 6:27 Yea, ye overwhelm the Fatherless, and ye dig a pit for your friend.

Vex.

Ezekiel 22:7 In thee have they set Light by Father and mother: in the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the stranger: in thee have they vexed the Fatherless and the widow.

Oppress.

Job 24:3 They drive away the Ass of the Fatherless, they take the widow's ox for a pledge.

Murder.

Psalms 94:6 They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the Fatherless.

Judge not for.

Isaiah 1:23 Thy Princes are rebellious, and companions of Thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they Judge not the Fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

Jeremiah 5:28 They are waxen fat, they shine: yea, they overpass the deeds of the wicked: they Judge not the cause, the cause of the Fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not Judge.

A curse on those who oppress.

Deuteronomy 27:19 Cursed be he that perverteth the Judgment of the stranger, Fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Promises with respect to.

Jeremiah 49:11 Leave thy Fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let thy widows trust in me.

A type of Zion in Affliction.

Lamentations 5:3 We are orphans and Fatherless, our mothers are as widows.

Exemplified.

Lot,

Genesis 11:27-28 Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah Begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran Begat Lot. And Haran died before his Father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees.

Daughters of Zelophehad,

Numbers 27:1-5 Then came the daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Hephher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph: and these are the names of his daughters; Mahlah, Noah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Tirzah. And they stood before Moses, and before Eleazar the priest, and before the Princes and all the Congregation, by the door of The Tabernacle of the Congregation, saying, Our Father died in the wilderness, and he was not in the company of them that gathered themselves together against the LORD in the company of Korah; but died in his own Sin, and had no sons. Why should the name of our Father be done away from among his family, because he hath no son? Give unto us therefore a possession among the Brethren of our Father. ...

Jotham,

Judges 9:16-21 Now therefore, if ye have done truly and sincerely, in that ye have made Abimelech king, and if ye have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house, and have done unto him according to the deserving of his hands; (For my Father fought for you, and adventured his life far, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian: And ye are risen up against my Father's house this day, and have slain his sons, threescore and ten persons, upon one stone, and have made Abimelech, the son of his maidservant, king over the men of Shechem, because he is your brother;) If ye then have dealt truly and sincerely with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, then rejoice ye in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you: ...

Mephibosheth,

2 Samuel 9:3 And the king said, Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew the kindness of God unto him? And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, which is lame on his feet.

Joash,

2 Kings 11:1-12 And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was Dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal. But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons which were slain; and they hid him, even him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain. And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD six years. And Athaliah did reign over the land. And the seventh year Jehoiada sent and fetched the rulers over hundreds, with the Captains and the guard, and brought them to him into the house of the LORD, and made a covenant with them, and took an Oath of them in the house of the LORD, and shewed them the king's son. ...

Esther,

Esther 2:7 And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither Father nor mother, and the maid was fair and beautiful; whom Mordecai, when her Father and mother were Dead, took for his own daughter.

The Poor

Made by God.

Job 34:19 How much less to him that accepteth not the persons of Princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor? for they all are the work of his hands.

Proverbs 22:2 The rich and poor meet together: the LORD is the maker of them all.

Are such by God's appointment.

1 Samuel 2:7 The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

Job 1:21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

CONDITION OF, OFTEN RESULTS FROM

Sloth.

Proverbs 20:13 Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

Bad company.

Proverbs 28:19 He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough.

Drunkenness and gluttony.

Proverbs 23:21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

GOD

Regards, equally with the rich.

Job 34:19 How much less to him that accepteth not the persons of Princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor? for they all are the work of his hands.

Forgets not.

Psalms 9:18 For the needy shall not alway be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever.

Hears.

Psalms 69:33 For the LORD heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners.

Isaiah 41:17 When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them.

Maintains the right of.

Psalms 140:12 I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the Afflicted, and the right of the poor.

Delivers.

Job 36:15 He delivereth the poor in his Affliction, and openeth their ears in oppression.

Psalms 35:10 All my bones shall say, LORD, who is like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?

Protects.

Psalms 12:5 For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him.

Psalms 109:31 For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul.

Exalts.

1 Samuel 2:8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among Princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORDS', and he hath set the world upon them.

Psalms 107:41 Yet setteth he the poor on high from Affliction, and maketh him families like a flock.

Provides for.

Psalms 68:10 Thy Congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.

Psalms 146:7 Which executeth Judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The LORD looseth the prisoners:

Despises not the prayer of.

Psalms 102:17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

Is the refuge of.

Psalms 14:6 Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the LORD is his refuge.

Shall never cease out of the land.

Deuteronomy 15:11 For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

Zephaniah 3:12 I will also leave in the midst of thee an Afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD.

Matthew 26:11 For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always.

MAY BE

Rich in Faith.

James 2:5 Hearken, my beloved Brethren, Hath not God Chosen the poor of this world rich in Faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

Liberal.

Mark 12:42 And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing.

2 Corinthians 9:12 For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the Saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;

Wise.

Proverbs 28:11 The rich man is wise in his own conceit; but the poor that hath understanding searcheth him out.

Upright.

Proverbs 19:1 Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

Christ lived as one of.

Matthew 8:20 And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but The Son Of Man hath not where to lay his head.

Christ preached to.

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Christ delivers.

Psalms 72:12 For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper.

Offerings of, acceptable to God.

Mark 12:42-44 And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called *unto him* his disciples, and saith unto them, *Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.*

2 Corinthians 8:2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

2 Corinthians 8:12 For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.

SHOULD

Rejoice in God.

Isaiah 29:19 The meek also shall increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

Hope in God.

Job 5:16 So the poor hath hope, and iniquity stoppeth her mouth.

Commit themselves to God.

Psalms 10:14 Thou hast seen it; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite it with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou Art the helper of the Fatherless.

When converted, rejoice in their exaltation.

James 1:9 Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:

Provided for under The Law.

Exodus 23:11 But the seventh year thou shalt let it rest and lie still; that the poor of thy people may eat: and what they leave the beasts of the field shall eat. In like manner thou shalt deal with thy vineyard, and with thy oliveyard.

Leviticus 19:9-10 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest. And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I am the LORD your God.

NEGLECT TOWARDS, IS

A neglect of Christ.

Matthew 25:42-45 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

Inconsistent with love to God.

1 John 3:17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his Bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

A proof of unbelief.

James 2:15-17 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so Faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

Rob not.

Proverbs 22:22 Rob not the poor, because he is poor: neither oppress the Afflicted in the gate:

Wrong not in Judgment.

Exodus 23:6 Thou shalt not wrest the Judgment of thy poor in his cause.

Take no usury from.

Leviticus 25:36 Take thou no usury of him, or increase: but fear thy God; that thy brother may live with thee.

Harden not the heart against.

Deuteronomy 15:7 If there be among you a poor man of one of thy Brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother:

Shut not the hand against.

Deuteronomy 15:7 If there be among you a poor man of one of thy Brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother:

Rule not, with rigor.

Leviticus 25:39 And if thy brother that dwelleth by thee be waxen poor, and be sold unto thee; thou shalt not compel him to serve as a bondservant:

Leviticus 25:43 Thou shalt not rule over him with rigour; but shalt fear thy God.

Oppress not.

Deuteronomy 24:14 Thou shalt not oppress an hired Servant that is poor and needy, whether he be of thy Brethren, or of thy strangers that are in thy land within thy gates:

Zechariah 7:10 And oppress not the widow, nor the Fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

Despise not.

Proverbs 14:21 He that despiseth his neighbour Sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he.

James 2:2-4 For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment; And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool: Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become Judges of evil thoughts?

Relieve.

Leviticus 25:35 And if thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay with thee; then thou shalt relieve him: yea, though he be a stranger, or a sojourner; that he may live with thee.

Matthew 19:21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

Defend.

Psalms 82:3-4 Defend the poor and Fatherless: do justice to the Afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.

Do justice to.

Psalms 82:3 Defend the poor and Fatherless: do justice to the Afflicted and needy.

Jeremiah 22:3 Thus saith the LORD; Execute ye Judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the Fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.

Jeremiah 22:16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well with him: was not this to know me? saith the LORD.

A CARE FOR,

Is characteristic of Saints.

Psalms 112:9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

2 Corinthians 9:9 (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.

Proverbs 29:7 The Righteous considereth the cause of the poor: but the wicked regardeth not to know it.

Is a fruit of repentance.

Luke 3:11 He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two Coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.

Should be urged.

2 Corinthians 8:7-8 Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in Faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also. I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.

GIVE TO,

Not grudgingly.

Deuteronomy 15:10 Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto.

2 Corinthians 9:7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Liberally.

Deuteronomy 14:29 And the Levite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the Fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.

Deuteronomy 15:8 But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth.

Deuteronomy 15:11 For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

Cheerfully.

2 Corinthians 8:12 For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.

2 Corinthians 9:7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Without ostentation.

Matthew 6:1 Take heed that ye do not your Alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

Specially if Saints.

Romans 12:13 Distributing to the necessity of Saints; given to hospitality.

Galatians 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of Faith.

Pray for.

Psalm 74:19 O deliver not the soul of thy turtledove unto the multitude of the wicked: forget not the Congregation of thy poor for ever.

Psalm 74:21 O let not the oppressed return ashamed: let the poor and needy praise thy name.

THEY WHO IN FAITH, BELIEVE,

Are happy.

Proverbs 14:21 He that despiseth his neighbour Sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he.

Are blessed.

Deuteronomy 15:10 Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou putteth thine hand unto.

Psalm 41:1 Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

Proverbs 22:9 He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

Acts 20:35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Have the favor of God.

Hebrews 13:16 But to do good and to Communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Have promises.

Proverbs 28:27 He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

Luke 14:13-14 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

By oppressing, God is reproached.

Proverbs 14:31 He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.

By mocking, God is reproached.

Proverbs 17:5 Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: and he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished.

THE WICKED

Care not for.

John 12:6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

Oppress.

Job 24:4-10 They turn the needy out of the way: the poor of the earth hide themselves together. Behold, as wild asses in the desert, go they forth to their work; rising Betimes for a prey: the wilderness yieldeth food for them and for their children. They reap every one his Corn in the field: and they gather the vintage of the wicked. They cause the naked to lodge without clothing, that they have no covering in the cold. ...

Ezekiel 18:12 Hath oppressed the poor and needy, hath spoiled by violence, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted up his eyes to the Idols, hath committed Abomination,

Vex.

Ezekiel 22:20 As they gather silver, and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it; so will I gather you in mine Anger and in my fury, and I will leave you there, and melt you.

Regard not the cause of.

Proverbs 29:7 The Righteous considereth the cause of the poor: but the wicked regardeth not to know it.

Sell.

Amos 2:6 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they sold the Righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes;

Crush.

Amos 4:1 Hear this word, ye kine of Bashan, that are in the mountain of Samaria, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink.

Tread down.

Amos 5:11 Forasmuch therefore as your treading is upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine of them.

Grind the faces of.

Isaiah 3:15 What mean ye that ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Lord GOD of hosts.

Devour.

Habakkuk 3:14 Thou didst strike through with his staves the head of his villages: they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me: their rejoicing was as to devour the poor secretly.

Persecute.

Psalm 10:2 The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

Defraud.

Amos 8:5-6 Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell Corn? and the Sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit? 6 That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; yea, and sell the refuse of the wheat?

Despise the counsel of.

Psalm 14:6 Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the LORD is his refuge.

Guilt of defrauding.

James 5:4 Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.

PUNISHMENT FOR

Oppressing.

Proverbs 22:16 He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want.

Ezekiel 22:29 The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully.

Ezekiel 22:31 Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD.

Spoiling.

Isaiah 3:13-15 The LORD standeth up to plead, and standeth to Judge the people. The LORD will enter into Judgment with the ancients of his people, and the Princes thereof: for ye have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses. What mean ye that ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Lord GOD of hosts.

Ezekiel 18:13 Hath given forth upon usury, and hath taken increase: shall he then live? he shall not live: he hath done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him.

Refusing to assist.

Job 22:7 Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink, and thou hast withholden bread from the hungry.

Job 22:10 Therefore snares are round about thee, and sudden fear troubleth thee;

Acting unjustly towards.

Job 20:19 Because he hath oppressed and hath forsaken the poor; because he hath violently taken away an house which he builded not;

Job 22:6 For thou hast taken a pledge from thy brother for nought, and stripped the naked of their clothing.

Job 22:10 Therefore snares are round about thee, and sudden fear troubleth thee;

Oppression of Illustrated.

2 Samuel 12:1-6 And the LORD sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor. The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds: But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter. And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him. ...

Care for Illustrated.

Luke 10:33-35 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion *on him*, And went to *him*, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave *them* to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

Exemplified.

Gideon,

Judges 6:15 And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my Father's house.

Ruth,

Ruth 2:2 And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of Corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.

Widow of Zarephath,

1 Kings 17:12 And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a Cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

Prophet's Widow,

2 Kings 4:2 And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.

Saints of old,

Hebrews 11:37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, Afflicted, tormented;

Regard for Exemplified.

Boaz,

Ruth 2:14 And Boaz said unto her, At mealtime come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched Corn, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left.

Job,

Job 29:12-16 Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the Fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to Sing for joy. I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my Judgment was as a robe and a Diadem. I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame. ...

Nebuzaradan,

Jeremiah 39:10 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, which had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.

Zaccheus,

Luke 19:8 And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

Peter and John,

Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

Dorcas,

Acts 9:36 Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

Acts 9:39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the Coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

Cornelius,

Acts 10:2 A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much Alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

Church at Antioch,

Acts 11:29-30 Then the disciples, every man according to his Ability, determined to send relief unto the Brethren which dwelt in Judaea: Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Paul,

Romans 15:25 But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the Saints.

Churches of Macedonia and Achaia,

Romans 15:26 For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor Saints which are at Jerusalem.

2 Corinthians 8:1-5 Moreover, Brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the Churches of Macedonia; How that in a great trial of Affliction the Abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the Fellowship of the ministering to the Saints. ...

Duty Toward the Afflicted

To pray for them.

Acts 12:5. Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the Church unto God for him.

Philippians 1:16. The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add Affliction to my bonds:

Philippians 1:19. For I know that this shall turn to my Salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

To sympathize with them.

Romans 12:15. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

Galatians 6:2. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil The Law of Christ.

To pity them.

Job 6:14. To him that is Afflicted pity should be shewed from his friend; but he forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.

To bear them in mind.

Hebrews 13:3. Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.

To visit them.

James 1:27. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the Fatherless and widows in their Affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

To comfort them.

Job 16:5. But I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips should Asswage your grief.

Job 29:25. I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, as one that comforteth the mourners.

2 Corinthians 1:4. Who comforteth us in all our Tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

1 Thessalonians 4:18. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

To relieve them.

Job 31:19-20. If I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or any poor without covering; If his loins have not blessed me, and if he were not warmed with the fleece of my sheep;

To protect them.

Psalms 82:3. Defend the poor and Fatherless: do justice to the Afflicted and needy.

Proverbs 22:22. Rob not the poor, because he is poor: neither oppress the Afflicted in the gate:

Proverbs 31:5. Lest they drink, and forget The Law, and pervert the Judgment of any of the Afflicted.

Character of Saints

Attentive to Christ's voice.

John 10:3-4 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

Blameless and harmless.

Philippians 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

Bold.

Proverbs 28:1 The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the Righteous are bold as a lion.

Romans 13:3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

Contrite.

Isaiah 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Isaiah 66:2 For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

Devout.

Acts 8:2 And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.

Acts 22:12 And one Ananias, a devout man according to The Law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt there,

Faithful.

Revelation 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and Chosen, and Faithful.

Fearing God.

Matthew 3:16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

Acts 10:2 A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much Alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

Following Christ.

John 10:4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Godly.

Psalms 4:3 But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.

2 Peter 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of Judgment to be Punished:

Guileless.

John 1:47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

Holy.

Deuteronomy 7:6 For thou Art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath Chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

Deuteronomy 14:2 For thou Art an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath Chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.

Colossians 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, Bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

Humble.

Psalms 34:2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

1 Peter 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

Hungering after righteousness.

Matthew 5:6 Blessed are They Which Do Hunger and Thirst After Righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Just.

Genesis 6:9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

Habakkuk 2:4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his Faith.

Luke 2:25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

Led by the Spirit.

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Liberal.

Isaiah 32:8 But the liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand.

2 Corinthians 9:13 Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the Gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men;

Loving.

Colossians 1:4 Since we heard of your Faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the Saints,

1 Thessalonians 4:9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

Lowly.

Proverbs 16:19 Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

Meek.

Isaiah 29:19 The meek also shall increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

Matthew 5:5 Blessed are the Meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Merciful.

Psalms 37:26 He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.

Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the Merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

New Creatures.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Obedient.

Romans 16:19 For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.

1 Peter 1:14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

Poor in Spirit.

Psalms 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Matthew 5:3 Blessed are the Poor in Spirit: for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Prudent.

Proverbs 16:21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.

Pure in heart.

Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the Pure in Heart: for they shall see God.

1 John 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Righteous.

Isaiah 60:21 Thy people also shall be all Righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

Luke 1:6 And they were both Righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

Sincere.

2 Corinthians 1:12 For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our Conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our Conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.

2 Corinthians 2:17 For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.

Stedfast.

Acts 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and Fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Colossians 2:5 For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your Faith in Christ.

Taught of God.

Isaiah 54:13 And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

1 John 2:27 But the Anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man Teach you: but as the same Anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

True.

2 Corinthians 6:8 By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true;

Undefiled.

Psalms 119:1 ALEPH. Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in The Law of the LORD.

Upright.

1 Kings 3:6 And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy Servant David my Father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

Psalms 15:2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

Watchful.

Luke 12:37 Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

Zealous of good works.

Titus 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Titus 3:8 This is a Faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm Constantly, that they which have believed in God might be Careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

Christian Conduct

Believing God.

Mark 11:22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, *Have faith in God.*

John 14:11-12 Believe me that *I am* in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. ¶ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Fearing God.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

1 Peter 2:17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

Loving God.

Deuteronomy 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Matthew 22:37-38 Jesus said unto him, *Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.*

Following God.

Ephesians 5:1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

1 Peter 1:15-16 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of Conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

Obeying God.

Luke 1:6 And they were both Righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

Rejoicing in God.

Psalm 33:1 Rejoice in the LORD, O ye Righteous: for praise is Comely for the upright.

Habakkuk 3:18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my Salvation.

Believing in Christ.

John 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, *This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.*

1 John 3:23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

Loving Christ.

John 21:15 ¶ So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, *Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?* He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, *Feed my lambs.*

1 Peter 1:7-8 That the trial of your Faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

Following the example of Christ.

John 13:15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

1 Peter 2:21-24 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Obeying Christ.

John 14:21 *He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.*

John 15:14 *Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.*

LIVING

To Christ.

Romans 14:8 For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

2 Corinthians 5:15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

Unto righteousness.

Micah 6:8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Romans 6:18 Being then made free from Sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

1 Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our Sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being Dead to Sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Soberly, righteously, and godly.

Titus 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

WALKING

Honestly.

1 Thessalonians 4:12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.

Worthy of God.

1 Thessalonians 2:12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

Worthy of the Lord.

Colossians 1:10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

In the Spirit.

Galatians 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

After the Spirit.

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

In newness of life.

Romans 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into Death: that like as Christ was raised up from the Dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Worthy of vocation.

Ephesians 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, Beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

As children of Light.

Ephesians 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye Light in the Lord: walk as children of Light:

Rejoicing in Christ.

Philippians 3:1 Finally, my Brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe.

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

Loving one another.

John 15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Romans 12:10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

1 Corinthians 13:1-8 ¶ Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become *as* sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. ¶ Charity suffereth long, *and* is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. ¶ Charity never faileth: but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall fail; whether *there be* tongues, they shall cease; whether *there be* knowledge, it shall vanish away.

Ephesians 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

Hebrews 13:1 Let brotherly love continue.

Striving for the Faith.

Philippians 1:27 Only let your Conversation be as it becometh the Gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the Faith of the Gospel;

Jude 3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common Salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the Faith which was once delivered unto the Saints.

Putting away all Sin.

1 Corinthians 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

Hebrews 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the Sin which doth so easily Beset us, and let us run with Patience the race that is set before us,

Abstaining from all appearance of evil.

1 Thessalonians 5:22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

Perfecting holiness.

Matthew 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

2 Corinthians 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

2 Timothy 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Hating defilement.

Jude 23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

Following after that which is good.

Philippians 4:8 Finally, Brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

1 Thessalonians 5:15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

1 Timothy 6:11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, Faith, love, Patience, meekness.

Overcoming the world.

1 John 5:4-5 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our Faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

Adorning the Gospel.

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Titus 2:10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

Showing a good example.

1 Timothy 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in Conversation, in Charity, in spirit, in Faith, in purity.

1 Peter 2:12 Having your Conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Titus 2:7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

Abounding in the work of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved Brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

2 Corinthians 8:7 Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in Faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.

1 Thessalonians 4:1 Furthermore then we Beseech you, Brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

Shunning the wicked.

Psalms 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 Thessalonians 3:6 Now we command you, Brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh Disorderly, and not after the Tradition which he received of us.

Controlling the body.

1 Corinthians 9:27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Colossians 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; Fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil Concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

Subduing the temper.

Ephesians 4:26 Be ye angry, and Sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

James 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved Brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

Submitting to injuries.

Matthew 5:39-41 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have *thy* cloke also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

1 Corinthians 6:7 Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded?

Forgiving injuries.

Matthew 6:14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

Romans 12:20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

Living peaceably with all.

Romans 12:18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

Hebrews 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Visiting the Afflicted.

Matthew 25:36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the Fatherless and widows in their Affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Doing as we would be done by.

Matthew 7:12 ¶ Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Luke 6:31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

Sympathizing with others.

Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil The Law of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:14 Now we exhort you, Brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be Patient toward all men.

Honoring others.

Psalms 15:4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

Romans 12:10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

Fulfilling domestic duties.

Ephesians 6:1-8 ¶ Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Servants, be obedient to them that are *your* masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether *he be* bond or free.

1 Peter 3:1-7 ¶ Likewise, ye wives, *be* in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation *coupled* with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that outward *adorning* of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But *let it be* the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, *even the ornament* of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

Submitting to Authorities.

Romans 13:1-7 ¶ Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to *execute* wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore *ye* must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. ¶ Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute *is due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

Being liberal to others.

Acts 20:35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Romans 12:13 Distributing to the necessity of Saints; given to hospitality.

Being contented.

Philippians 4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

Hebrews 13:5 Let your Conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Blessedness of maintaining.

Psalms 1:1-3 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in The Law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Psalms 19:9-11 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and Righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy Servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Psalms 50:23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his Conversation aright will I shew the Salvation of God.

Matthew 5:3-12 ¶ Blessed *are* the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed *are* they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed *are* the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed *are* the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed *are* the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

John 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

John 7:17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or *whether* I speak of myself.

Grace is not Merited Through Rituals, & Holy Days, Etc.

Making the Word of God of None Effect through Tradition

Note: A hypocrite is "an actor"

Mark 7:6-9 He answered and said unto them, **Well hath Esaias prophesied of you *hypocrites*, as it is written, This people honoureth me with *their* lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, *as* the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.** And he said unto them, **Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.**

Mark 7:13 **Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition,** which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

Matthew 23:25-28 Woe unto you, scribes and *Pharisees, hypocrites!* for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. *Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.* Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

Galatians 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Romans 5:1 ¶ Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Trusting in Religious Works for Salvation Makes Void the Gospel.

Obedience to "Obsolete Commandments," "Beguiles you of your Reward."

Colossians 2:12-17. Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. and you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; and having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath *days*: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body *is* of Christ.

Colossians 2:18-23. Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, and not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God. Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, (Touch not; taste not; handle not; Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

The Gentiles were Alienated from the Jews by the Law of Moses.

Ephesians 2:12. That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

By the Blood of Christ, Jesus hath Broken Down the Middle Wall of Partition.

Ephesians 2:13-14. But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*;

The Religious Ordinances, and Works of the Law of Moses, Have Been Abolished.

Ephesians 2:15. Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, *so* making peace;

Man Has Access to God, by Christ's Death, and not by Religious Works.

Ephesians 2:16-19. and that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: and came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

Men are Saved by Grace through Faith; not by Observing Religious Works.

Ephesians 2:8-10 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Man Cannot Be Justified by the Law of Moses.

Acts 13:39. and by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

The Law Given That All the World May Become Guilty Before God.

Romans 3:19-20. Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: **that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.** Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for **by the law is the knowledge of sin.**

Man Is Justified by Faith Without the Deeds of the Law.

Romans 3:27-28. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that **a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.**

The Promise was not Through the Law.

Romans 4:13-16. For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression. Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

Ye Are Not Under the Law, But Under Grace.

Romans 6:14. For sin shall not have dominion over you: **for ye are not under the law, but under grace.**

Ye Are Dead to the Law by the Death of Christ.

Romans 7:1-5. Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, **she is loosed from the law** of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, **she is free from that law**; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man. Wherefore, my brethren, **ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ**; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

We Are Delivered From the Law.

Romans 7:6-7. But now **we are delivered from the law**, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and **not in the oldness of the letter**. What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, **Thou shalt not covet**.

The Law of Moses Cannot Accuse or Condemn Those in Christ.

Romans 8:1-4. There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

John 5:45. Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is *one* that accuseth you, *even* Moses, in whom ye trust.

Israel Sought to be Justified by the Works of the Law.

Romans 9:31-32. But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. Wherefore? Because **they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law**. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;

Christ is the End of the Law.

Romans 10:4. For **Christ is the end of the law** for righteousness to every one that believeth.

Only Perfect Obedience to the Whole Law Can Justify You by the Law.

Romans 10:5. For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

Galatians 3:10-13. For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. and the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

Galatians 4:21. Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?

Galatians 5:3-4. For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that **he is a debtor to do the whole law**. Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

James 2:10-11. For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

By the Works of the Law Shall No Flesh Be Justified.

Galatians 2:16. Knowing that **a man is not justified by the works of the law**, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and **not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified**.

I Am Dead to the Law.

Galatians 2:19. For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.

I Do Not Frustrate the Grace of God.

Galatians 2:21. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

No One Receives the Spirit by the Works of the Law.

Galatians 3:2. This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Galatians 3:5. He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, **doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?**

The Law Cannot Disannul the Promise.

Galatians 3:17-19. And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise. Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

Righteousness Is Not by the Law.

Galatians 3:21. Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.

The Law Was Our Schoolmaster to Bring Us unto Christ.

Galatians 3:23-24. But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Christ Came to Redeem Those That Were Under the Law.

Galatians 4:4-5. But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

If Ye Be Led of the Spirit, Ye Are Not Under the Law.

Galatians 5:18. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

No One Is Able to Keep the Law.

Galatians 6:13. For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.

John 7:19. Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me?

The Law of Commandments Has Been Abolished.

Ephesians 2:15. Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

The Law Made Nothing Perfect.

Hebrews 7:19. For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.

Let No Man Beguile You of Your Reward.

Colossians 2:13-20. and you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; and having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, and not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God. Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

How Turn Ye Again... to be In Bondage?

Galatians 4:8-11 Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods. But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, **how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.** I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

Lord, Lord, Have We Not Done Many Wonderful Works?

Matthew 7:21-23 ¶ Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Galatians 2:21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness *come* by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

John 3:18 **He that believeth on him is not condemned:** but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that **every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.**

Conclusion

John 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, **This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.**

1 John 3:23 ¶ And this is his commandment, **That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another,** as he gave us commandment.

Not By Works of Righteousness Which We Have Done.

Titus 3:5. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: **Not of works, lest any man should boast.**

Romans 4:2. For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath *whereof* to glory; but not before God.

Romans 9:11. (For *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

Romans 9:16. So then *it is* not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

Romans 11:6. and if by grace, then *is it* no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if *it be* of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

1 Corinthians 1:29-31. That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, **He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.**

2 Timothy 1:9. Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, **not according to our works**, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

Titus 3:3-5. For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, *and* hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, **Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us**, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

By the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified.

Romans 3:20. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:27-28. Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Galatians 2:16. Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

God justifies through Faith.

Galatians 3:8. and the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, *saying*, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

Galatians 3:26. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

The Hand of the LORD Hath Done This.

Isaiah 41:20. That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that **the hand of the LORD hath done this**, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.

Psalm 111:2. The works of the LORD *are* great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

Obedience to God

Commanded.

Deuteronomy 13:4 Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and Cleave Unto him.

Without Faith, it is impossible.

Hebrews 11:6 But without Faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

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Obeying His voice.

Exodus 19:5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

Jeremiah 7:23 But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

Obeying His law.

Deuteronomy 11:27 A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day:

Isaiah 42:24 Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the LORD, he against whom we have Sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law.

Obeying Christ.

Exodus 23:21 Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him.

2 Corinthians 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Obeying the Gospel.

Romans 1:5 By whom we have received grace and Apostleship, for obedience to the Faith among all nations, for his name:

Romans 6:17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of Sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

Romans 10:16-17 But they have not all obeyed the Gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Keeping his commandments.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

Submission to higher powers.

Romans 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

Better than sacrifice.

1 Samuel 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in Burnt Offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

Justification obtained by that of Christ.

Romans 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made Righteous.

Christ, an example of.

Matthew 3:15 And Jesus answering said unto him, *Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.* Then he suffered him.

John 15:20 *Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.*

Philippians 2:5-8 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a Servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto Death, even the Death of the cross.

Hebrews 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

Angels engaged in.

Psalms 103:20 Bless the LORD, ye his Angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

A characteristic of Saints.

1 Peter 1:14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

Saints elected to.

1 Peter 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

Obligations to.

Acts 4:19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, Judge ye.

Acts 5:29 Then Peter and the other Apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

Exhortations to.

Jeremiah 26:13 Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you.

Jeremiah 38:20 But Jeremiah said, They shall not deliver thee. Obey, I Beseech thee, the voice of the LORD, which I speak unto thee: so it shall be well unto thee, and thy soul shall live.

SHOULD BE

From the heart.

Deuteronomy 10:13 And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,

Romans 6:17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of Sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

With willingness.

Psalms 110:3 As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me.

Isaiah 1:19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

Unreserved.

Joshua 22:5 And said unto them, Ye have kept all that Moses the Servant of the LORD commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you: Ye have not left your Brethren these many days unto this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD your God.

Undeviating.

Deuteronomy 10:14 And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

Constant.

Philippians 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own Salvation with fear and trembling.

Resolve upon.

Exodus 24:7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient.

Joshua 24:24 And the people said unto Joshua, The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

Confess your failure in.

Daniel 9:10 Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the Prophets.

Prepare the heart for.

1 Samuel 7:3 And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.

Ezra 7:10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek The Law of the LORD, and to do it, and to Teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

Pray to be taught.

Psalms 119:35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

Psalms 143:10 Teach me to do thy will; for thou Art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

Promises to.

Exodus 23:22 But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries.

1 Samuel 12:14 If ye will fear the LORD, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the LORD your God:

Isaiah 1:19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

Jeremiah 7:23 But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

To be universal in the latter days.

Daniel 7:27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the Saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

Blessedness of.

Deuteronomy 11:27 A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day:

Deuteronomy 28:1-13 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. ...

Luke 11:28 But he said, *Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.*

James 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

The wicked refuse.

Exodus 5:2 And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go.

Nehemiah 9:17 And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou Art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to Anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not.

Punishment of refusing.

Deuteronomy 11:28 And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

Deuteronomy 28:15-68 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field. Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store. Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. ...

Joshua 5:6 For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people that were men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: unto whom the LORD sware that he would not shew them the land, which the LORD sware unto their Fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

Isaiah 1:20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

Exemplified.

Noah,

Genesis 6:22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

Abram,

Genesis 12:1-4 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy Father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

Hebrews 11:8 By Faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Genesis 22:3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the Burnt Offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

Genesis 22:12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

Israelites,

Exodus 12:28 And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

Exodus 24:7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient.

Caleb, ect.

Numbers 32:12 Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite, and Joshua the son of Nun: for they have wholly followed the LORD.

Asa,

1 Kings 15:11 And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did David his Father.

Elijah,

1 Kings 17:5 So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

Hezekiah,

2 Kings 18:6 For he clave to the LORD, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses.

Josiah,

2 Kings 22:2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the way of David his Father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.

David,

Psalms 119:106 I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy Righteous judgments.

Zerubbabel, ect.

Haggai 1:12 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the High Priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him, and the people did fear before the LORD.

Joseph,

Matthew 1:24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

Wise men,

Matthew 2:12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

Zacharias, ect.

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Paul,

Acts 26:19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

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